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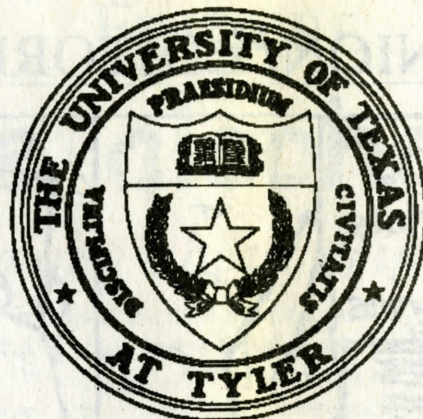
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Officials considering \$7 fee for athletics

by Harold Wilson
 Staff Writer

University officials may ask students to assess themselves another fee to support intercollegiate athletics on campus.

The fee could cost students an estimated \$7 per semester hour, Dr. Dale A. Lunsford, dean of student affairs and external relations said.

With the addition of an athletic fee, students now taking 12 hours would pay an extra \$84 per semester.

Assuming the average student on campus takes 12 semester hours, the nearly 3,600 student University could gain more than \$300,000 in revenue per semester.

The athletic fee is a starting point for establishing sports on campus, he said.

"We [need] that fee to have intercollegiate athletics," Lunsford said. "Students have to lead the way. If students won't support athletics, the community won't either."

Lunsford plans to attend the Student Government Association meeting Monday to propose the fee increase. He said he will ask the SGA to put the athletic fee proposal on the November ballot.

Lunsford said he decided to proceed quickly with the fee idea since the Texas Legislature will be in session this January and won't resume for two years afterward.

The Legislature must approve the fee increase before it can take effect, Lunsford said.

It is important students vote now so the proposed fee

can reach the Legislature this upcoming session.

"We have this window of opportunity," Lunsford said. "We either do it now or wait two more years."

In attempting to gather information and obtain ideas for instituting athletics, Lunsford visited different universities.

Lunsford said he liked the University of Texas at Arlington system the best. Students there approved an athletic fee of \$7 per semester hour. UTA student fees appear on their bill, he said, which makes it clear where the student's money is going, he said.

"We need to say here's how much will be spent," Lunsford said.

Additional revenue will come from the teams and city contributions, Lunsford said.

"Those three things equal the athletic budget," Lunsford said. "Students shouldn't have to pay everything."

Lunsford said the fee, if passed, could increase gradually to the set fee until all sports are implemented.

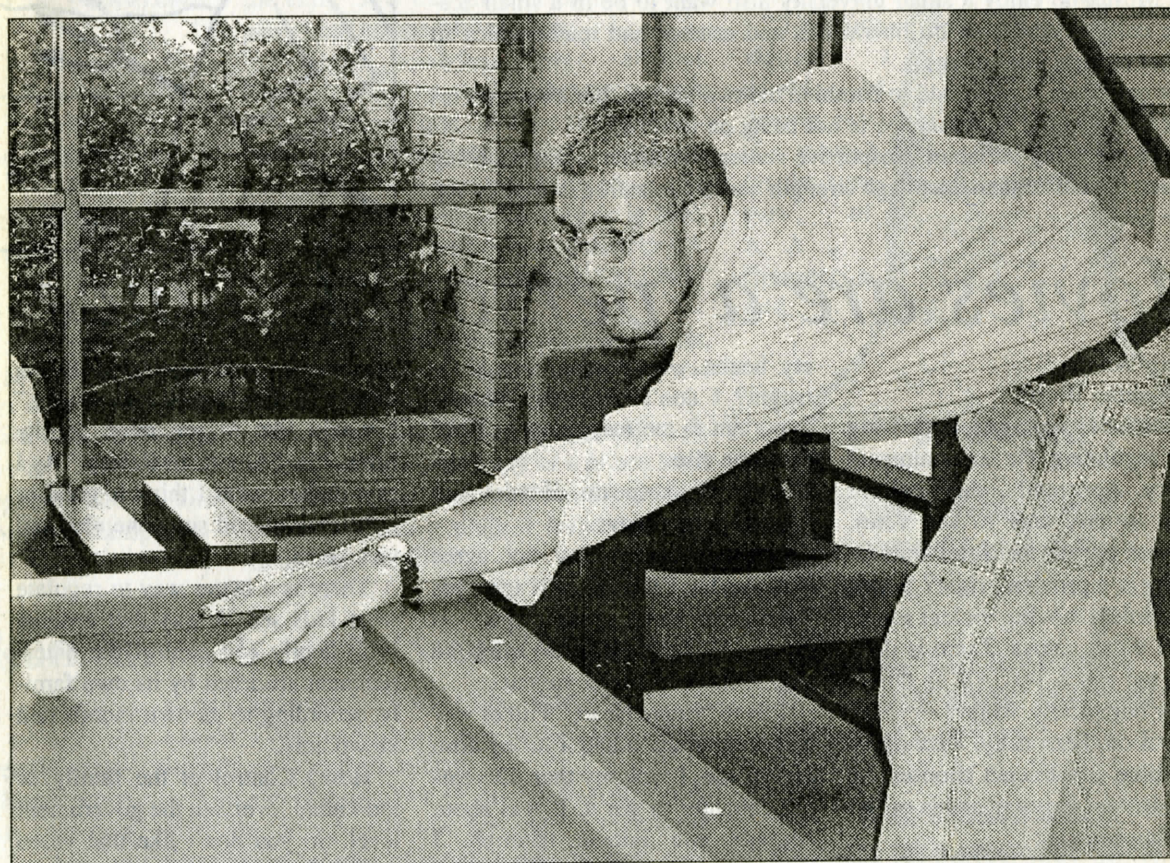
The entire fee wouldn't be needed at first because all sports won't be competing yet, Lunsford said.

If students decide against the athletic fee, officials will be forced to find alternative sources of funding, he said.

"We'll stop the process for now," Lunsford said if students disapprove of the fee increase. We'll have to go back and ask what we can do."

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Shooting pool



—by Lana Cain

BILLIARDS ANYONE?: Freshman Colby Sales, English major, plays a game of pool in the University Center Oct. 19. Teachers and students competed with the new game equipment. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Thursday in the mezzanine to celebrate the additions and to thank the Student Government Association.

Mabry, deans to discuss

"If, in fact this reorganization goes through, we're not

SGA officials ask

plans for reorganization

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

For the first time since reorganization talks began in September, President Rodney H. Mabry and the deans from each of the University's six colleges may address the issue together on Tuesday.

The discussion is part of a special Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. in Room 401 of the Robert R. Muntz Library.

Topping the agenda is a discussion on an administrative proposal which includes reducing the number of colleges from six to five. The plan, developed by vice president W. A. Baker, calls for combining the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics to form the College of Arts and Sciences.

The senate also may vote Tuesday on a resolution proposed by the math and science faculty that opposes combining the two colleges. Some faculty members believe the merger would weaken both programs.

A majority of science and mathematics faculty approved the resolution in a meeting three weeks ago. Faculty senators from that college had planned to present the resolution to the senate at an Oct. 13 meeting, but Dr. Mary Fischer, senate president, would not allow it to be heard since it was not on the agenda.

One week after the department vote, liberal arts faculty voted in an informal poll to support

the resolution, however, a poll organizer said the poll's validity is "questionable."

In that poll, 16 supported the resolution, six opposed and one was undecided, Mary Ellen Wright, senior senator for liberal arts said in an e-mail distributed to faculty members earlier this week.

Wright said the "polling may not represent current faculty viewpoints," because the poll was taken before a meeting with Baker and Dr. Donna Dickerson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Faculty members from both colleges also have questioned who will head the proposed combined college.

RESIGNATION

Dr. L. Lynn Sherrod, dean of sciences and mathematics, last week announced he will resign as dean on Aug. 31. He will remain with the University as a biology professor.

Sherrod began his career at the University in 1975 as chairman of the biology department and became dean the next year.

Baker admits there has been a lot of discussion about who the dean would be if Mabry approves the reorganization plan. Some science and mathematics faculty members believe they should be involved in the selection process.

Baker, however, said Dickerson would be dean of the new college.

"She [Dickerson] will certainly be the dean at

going to be looking for a new dean."

— W.A. BAKER

the outset. If, in fact this reorganization does go through, we're not going to be looking for a new dean at that time," Baker said.

Dickerson said she has been told she would be the dean of the new college, but "there are no guarantees."

OTHER MEETINGS

Baker and Dickerson met with about 30 liberal arts faculty for about an hour Friday to answer questions about the proposal.

"I think the purpose of the meeting was to inform faculty of the pros and cons of reorganization," Dr. Barbara Hart, chairperson of the Department of Social Sciences, said.

The meeting achieved its purpose, she said.

"The information was not new to me, but it was new to others," Hart said.

A good representation of liberal arts faculty was present, Dr. Kenneth Casstevens, chairman of the Department of Communication, said.

"I thought it went very well," Dickerson said. "It was very informative."

Another meeting with Baker, Dickerson, Sherrod and faculty members from both colleges is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday in HPR Room 262. The meeting was called by the College of Science and Mathematics to discuss reorganization a final time before the special senate meeting, Dickerson said.

for student input

Want opinions on Baker's proposal

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

Student government representatives, acting in the interests of students, want more information about an administrative proposal to reorganize the University's six colleges, Michelle LeDoux, president of the Student Government Association, said.

Students showed an interest in the proposal by writing letters and making comments at meetings, LeDoux said.

According to an unscientific survey conducted by *The Patriot* last week, most students were not aware of the plan for reorganization.

Dean of Students, Dr. Dale Lunsford, said, "I have not received any input from students concerning reorganization."

Representatives want to know if the proposal will result in loss of faculty, a decrease of scholarships or cuts in budget for certain programs or departments, LeDoux, said.

Under the proposal, developed

by Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president of academic affairs, the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics would be combined to form the College of Arts and Sciences.

One student government senator, Edgar Cardenas, wanted to pass a resolution that the student government not support the plan to combine the two colleges.

Members agreed they should speak with Baker to get a better understanding of the plan, and they have asked him to come to Monday's meeting.

Some academic departments within the colleges also would undergo changes. For instance, the Department of Computer Science would shift from the College of Sciences and Mathematics to the proposed new College of Engineering and Computer Science.

After Monday's meeting, the SGA will decide whether to support the proposal and send a resolution

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SGA officers receive stipend increases

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor in chief

An increase in stipends paid to Student Government Association officers can improve member participation, Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs and external relations, said.

Although the senators pay remained the same as last year, all officer stipends except the president were doubled and the president's stipend quadrupled.

"Improving student government means asking senators and officer to do more work and be more responsible. Our stipends were extremely low and didn't encourage students to take their jobs very seriously, I didn't think. So I wanted to improve those," Lunsford said.

In the past, officers received \$250 per semester and senators received \$150.

Lunsford originally proposed the committee spend an additional \$4,800 of the budget toward the officer and senator stipends. In the committee's proposal to President Rodney H. Mabry on May 1, it recommended \$5,700, Lunsford said. That is a \$900 addition to Lunsford's original proposal.

Mabry approved the committee's proposal of the

funds distribution, and the new budget became effective this semester.

The money for the student government leaders is distributed according to the duties of the positions, Mark Matthews, student development specialist, said.

The senators receive the same amount of pay as before. They receive \$150 at the end of the fall and spring semesters for their services.

Last November the student government voted by secret ballot to increase the senators' (called representatives at the time) stipend by \$50. Before this vote, which passed 11-2, they received \$100.

The vice president, treasurer, secretary and parliamentarian receive \$1,000 if they fulfill their duties. Last year they received \$250 per semester or \$500 total. The president receives \$2,000 per year. That position also paid \$250 per semester.

Lunsford said the president is expected to serve on the academic council all year long as well as serve on other committees such as the committee in charge of searching for the new vice president of academic affairs.

"The president's stipend increase, I thought, was

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No action taken at last SGA meeting

by Jennifer Jones
Staff Writer

Only 15 out of 23 members attended the Oct. 16 Student Government Association meeting. There wasn't a quorum present, so no action could be taken.

"Tell everyone you see to come to the meetings because otherwise we can't get anything done...there are so many things we've started out with as goals this year that have not been done...and we can't do anything if nobody is ever here," president Michelle LeDoux said to begin the meeting.

LeDoux also addressed how members are using their required office hours.

"I don't think I should have to make a 'to do' list every week. You all should be taking the initiative in your committee work and on your own to get things done. We need to be working hard on what we want, set our goals and make sure all our

goals do get met," she said.

In committee reports, secretary Adam Clay announced the communications committee is changing the name of the SGA News.

Clay asked for members to suggest ideas for a new name of the newsletter. He also asked members to submit articles for publication.

Clay also reported on new goals set by his committee.

"Each member will be responsible for a radio station, television station, or publication and will go and open up a relationship with that media outlet," Clay said.

Although vice president Aimee Griffy was absent, LeDoux praised her for the work she did in the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Program. "She is the only one who did anything for this. She made all the ribbons by herself...she delivered over 40 packets across this university to all of the offices so we could fund-raise. She did this all by

herself and that's not how it should be done," LeDoux said.

The SGA raised more than \$800 for the program, LeDoux said.

In her report, treasurer Lana Cain encouraged members to publicize the upcoming talent show sponsored by the SGA. She discussed with other members changing the date of the talent show to a later date. It was changed to Nov. 14. Members agreed that Election Day might not be the best day to hold the show, since some people may not be able to attend that day.

LeDoux next addressed the issue of distributing the student surveys.

"They have been sitting in the office now for over two months," LeDoux said.

Members agreed sending surveys to professors for passing out to their classes is the best way to get a response.

LeDoux suggested members use

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Editorial

What makes the University different from other universities and why would a prospective student choose to come here over all other higher education options?

Everyone who has experienced this school answers differently. Some may say UTT has a generous community to support it.

Others believe it is the beautiful east Texas campus that makes UTT special. We have a campus with pleasant landscaping, a peaceful lake, and a friendly environment.

One incontestable positive for UTT is we are growing...now more than ever. But are all of the changes really necessary or positive?

UTT's academic colleges are small compared to other universities. But all of this could change.

Last month, president Rodney H. Mabry, approached the vice-president of academic affairs, Dr. Willie A. Baker, with a plan to merge two of our long established colleges.

Baker has proposed merging the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics.

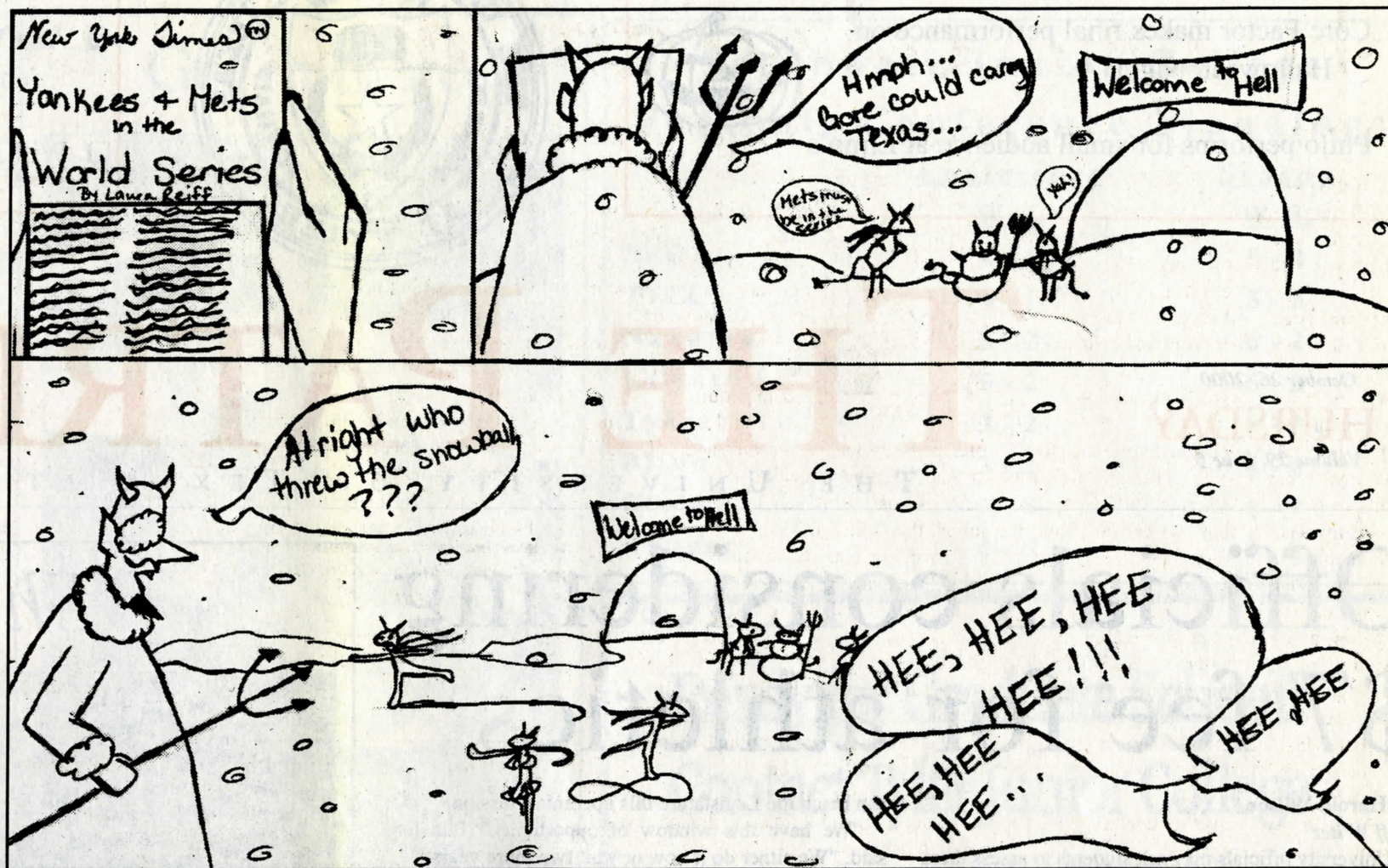
Many faculty members and students (especially those in the colleges to be combined) are in an uproar asking 'Why?' and 'Why now?'

Almost half of the students at UTT make up these colleges, so they would be lumped together in one school.

The small size of the University is the reason many students come to UTT. Most who enjoy a small university also want to be in a small academic college. And how do liberal arts and science and mathematics fit together to form one college?

Not only does it seem odd to combine the two groups, but also it seems each college would be weakened in not being on its own.

There are many variables prospective students consider when choosing a university, but academic college strength and organization is usually top on the list.



Movies are a personal choice

by Ann Wilson

Contributing Writer

Politicians once again are talking about regulating the entertainment industry. Apparently, they believe this is an easy way to win votes. Everyone agrees the entertainment industry is a problem, right? It produces violent movies, violent songs, violent video games. There is definitely too much sex. All of this is bad for our society. Right?

Hold on. Personally, I get angry every time a politician chooses the entertainment industry as his or her whipping beast.

I'm not saying entertainment has no effect on society. It does. It can, has and will shape society. It also mirrors society. Either way, both are true. What bothers me is the way politicians, and unfortunately many citizens, try to choose what is right or wrong to show an audience. They forget the message, and focus only on how much violence or how much sex is shown. They like "Leave it to

ety better, what morals should be taught? I don't think so. What is important to me may simply offend someone else.

I like Shakespeare. Hamlet was one of his best plays.

Others may or may not agree with me, but I'll bet they'll agree his plays have had a great impact on society. I'll bet they'll also agree the play is full of sex and violence.

I liked "Brave Heart." Full of violence, certainly. It had a strong dose of sex, too. I took my then, 13-year-old daughter to see it. It was about courage and human triumph. I believed it was a worthy film for her to watch.

I liked "American Beauty," I think it is one of the best American films made. After hearing all the complaints and fuss, my guess is not too many people agree with me. But if they did watch the film, and got even a small inkling of its message, I'll bet they will agree it shows true parts of our society we

our movies and television shows patterned after "Leave it to Beaver." I would like to see more quality films, like "American Beauty." As I said earlier, what I think is good or right may offend someone else and vice versa.

There is a better way to regulate what kids see. A way that ensures each family can control the entertainment absorbed by its own family, according to its own morals and viewpoints.

How? Control at the family or individual level, not the government level. So you don't like that video game? Don't let your kids buy it. You don't like that television show? Turn it off. You don't like the movie you are watching? Walk out.

Perhaps, the main concern is families who fail to control what their kids watch. Maybe people just think the government should control what others watch. But they should realize: if it controls what others see, it also controls what they and

Disabled students can get help



What I have to say.....

by Will Johnson
Staff Writer

Being disabled can be frustrating under the best of circumstances.

Completing simple tasks takes on new meaning. Apply this condition to a situation most people find difficult: Balancing the demands of daily life with the requirements of a college education.

Imagine your worries begin with trying to get to, then around campus. Don't forget you must do this with all necessary materials in tow. If you juggle this along with homework, intimidating logistics, and no sleep, your reward is figuring

Being unable to take notes or access resources is equally maddening.

The potential for problems is great, and it's easy to become discouraged. At such times, it may help to know some people and services which are available to help disabled students.

Many students utilize the library as a primary learning resource. Robert R. Muntz library has some devices to aid the disabled. The first is a motion sensor on the door to make entering easier.

Inside, there is a workstation with features designed especially for the visually-impaired. They include a speaking program which gives instructions on how to operate the station, a special screen which enlarges type on the Internet, and a scanning device able to read the pages of any given text.

The bookshelves are a bit close

technicalities, like which various kinds of equipment are best used with which disabilities, and armed with some solutions, general and specific.

Have you every tried to get to a class, only to find it out of reach? MacDonald can help.

Notice when the automatic doors around campus began appearing?

She's also responsible for the footstools and special tables some students use. Often, though, the aid MacDonald provides isn't obvious. Notetaking, class placement, help with use of special equipment are some of the lesser-known ways she can intercede for disabled students.

She doesn't command anyone, but works with the faculty, staff, and administration to create answers. But, she can only do this when she is aware of the problems.

Many disabled students aren't aware of these services. They

Beaver:"everything clean, everything innocent. The problem? People know when they see "fake." If it's meant to lead society in a positive direction, it had better be real, it had better be honest. People are not going to get real and honest about society without being willing to show some pretty ugly stuff.

Which brings me to my second complaint about the proposed entertainment regulation. Do we agree on what would make our soci-

would rather ignore. Yes, it's full of sex and violence. But through it all there was a message about acceptance; about the folly of anger, hate, selfishness and prejudice; about finding beauty amid all the ugliness; about the beauty of life itself.

There's something else widely circulated in our society that tries to convey a message, that attempts to shape society. It, too, is full of sex and violence. It's called the Bible.

I'm not interested in having all

their kids see.

When was the last time a politician said something agreeable?

Do people really want someone else to decide something as basic as how to spend their leisure time, what they watch, read or play? Don't let the politicians control the entertainment industry.

Chances are pretty good everyone won't agree with their idea of good and bad, right and wrong, either.

out how to get home, work, or wherever you need to go next.

This is from a mobility-impaired perspective. There are as many types of disabilities as people who have them, and any disability may limit its possessor several ways, seen or unseen.

In terms of being a student, classroom difficulties, inability to participate in required or beneficial activities may result.

for wheelchairs, but reference librarian Marilyn Greene says human assistance is on standby if a student should need to reach materials out of grasp.

Study rooms in the library are accessible to disabled students.

Ida MacDonald, Director of Student Services, can help with many challenges disabled students face.

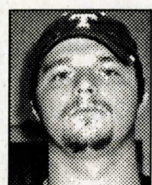
She's knowledgeable about

don't register with MacDonald, and never get help they could use. The more that register, the more budgeted for assistance.

There are also safety issues that can be addressed more effectively when she has an accurate count.

MacDonald helps to assure the school is honoring the requirements set forth for the accommodation of disabled students in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Three police officers escort student from class



On the dark side

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Forgetting tests and showing up naked to class are no longer a student's greatest nightmare.

Being arrested during class has got to be number one.

One of my classmates was escorted from the school by Tyler's finest last week.

This was not a seven foot 400 pound, knuckle-dragging neanderthal who had to be maced and hauled away.

He is a clean-cut college kid who had a warrant out for a speeding ticket.

It still took a University police officer, a campus guard and a Tyler police officer to make the arrest.

Why did it take three people to apprehend this would-be dangerous criminal?

Could it be law enforcement officers are simply bored these days?

Surely there is someone selling crack on a street corner who deserves to be hunted down more than a student who probably just forgot about the citation.

I could understand if he had a warrant out for murder, but a warrant for a speeding ticket seems to be something that could be handled the next time he was pulled over by a policeman.

I later discovered he wasn't actually arrested.

They took him to the municipal court to pay the ticket.

This goes back to my original question: why did it take three people to get the guy just to pay a ticket?

Before I walked into class the cops were staked out by the door screening students as they walked into class.

They had a copy of the student's schedule and were reading his name out trying to figure out who he was. This seems to be an invasion of privacy.

I would be less than pleased if I had my name being broadcasted through the halls of the college by police.

One might have to wonder what

this does for the student's reputation.

Rumors already have started spreading around campus that the guy has done everything from raping someone to murder.

They admitted if the police had come for him at work he would have been fired.

If he had been apprehended at work and fired for it, do you really think the police department would feel bad about it. NO.

The only positive aspect of the situation is that crime in this town must be down if this was the best thing they had to do.

I think I have a parking ticket still out.

I guess the SWAT team will be beating down the door of my business law class next week.

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH JAN. 26

STUDENTS MAY PICK UP A NOMINATION FORM AT DEPT. OFFICES, LIBRARY OR THE UC

CAMPUS VOICE

Who are you voting for in next months presidential election?



HANLON

"George W. Bush"
-Tim Hanlon, junior



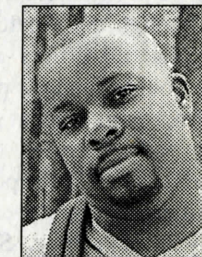
GILLIAN

"George W. Bush"
-Dusty Gillian, senior



FARLEY

"Howard Phillips-Independent"
-Bill Farley, graduate student



ONYI

"Al Gore /Joseph Leiberhan"
-Chidi Onyi, junior



DRINKARD

"George W. Bush"
-Lori Drinkard, senior



TURLINGTON

"George W. Bush"
-Becky Turlington, senior

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National collegiate alcohol awareness week

Nursing student shares personal testimony about drinking addiction, how he overcame it

by Lana Cain
Staff Writer

Nursing student Lance Emmerson gave his personal testimony about his struggle with alcohol addiction during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

For Emmerson, the problem began in college.

"I took my first drink at age 21," Emmerson said.

He attended Baylor University on a football scholarship in 1978. He said he didn't drink any more than the rest of his buddies.

During his football career at Baylor, Emmerson injured his shoulder. The doctor prescribed Vicodin for his pain, but it didn't seem to help.

"Then a friend of mine told me that it would work much better if I took the medicine with a beer," Emmerson said.

Although alcohol is usually the gateway to other drug use, Emmerson said prescription drugs was his gateway to becoming an alcoholic.

"I've always done everything backwards," Emmerson said.

He said he continued telling the doctor his shoulder hurt so he could continue taking the painkillers and drinking.

"What I didn't realize at the time is that alcohol is the drug of choice for me. To me, taking a drink is the same as putting a needle

in my arm," he said.



EMMERSON

said.

He said that 85 percent of the people who drink too much in college are able to put it down and move on.

He said he fell into the 15 percent who became addicted.

"I could drink a fifth of Jim Bean whiskey a day and still walk around," Emmerson said.

After losing his scholarship, Emmerson joined the U.S. Army.

"Drinking was our main form of relaxation," he said.

Emmerson said if there was any free time, he and his friends could be found at the local bar.

He said he still didn't consider himself an alcoholic.

He never reached the point where he had to have a drink to function.

"I was a binge drinker. I could go weeks without it, so I didn't think I had a problem," he said.

While in the army, Emmerson won many medals he calls "hero badges."

"I wore these things on the outside so I didn't have to show people what was really going on inside me," he said.

In 1986, Emmerson moved back to Texas and attended Sam Houston State University and majored in criminal justice. While in school, he worked at the Texas Department of

Corrections where he heard for the first time that he might have a drinking problem.

"I was approached by an inmate on death row. He handed me a blue book from Alcoholics Anonymous and told me he could smell me from inside his cell," Emmerson said.

Still, Emmerson couldn't admit he had a problem.

Emmerson attended the police academy, but instead of the traditional training, he was asked to join the narcotics unit.

"My job was to hang out in gentlemen's clubs all day drinking and setting up drug

"I know that I have driven drunk well over 1,000 times. The scary thing is that I'm not the only one."

— LANCE EMMERSON

deals. It was a great job for an alcoholic," Emmerson said.

Emmerson thanks the Lord he never had a situation where he had to draw his gun while intoxicated.

His drinking problem interfered with any serious relationship he tried to have. He said he finally realized he needed help and called Alcoholics Anonymous. Although he attended meetings, it wasn't long before he was back to his same habits.

Emmerson blames getting shot while serving arrest warrants on his drinking problem.

"I know I wasn't as aware as I should have been because I had been drinking earlier that day, even though it was part of my job," he said.

He suffered a fractured back and shattered his pelvis after falling down a flight of stairs.

He said he was convinced he wasn't addicted to alcohol because he didn't have a drink for 90 days.

"Never mind the fact that I was in the hospital hooked up to morphine for 60 of those days," Emmerson said.

After recovering from the accident, Emmerson decided to go to law school.

"I don't know if you know anything about law school, but there is only one grade during a semester and that was the final at the end. So I thought that meant I could party until exams," he said.

Feeling powerless over alcohol, Emmerson said he would rather put a gun to his head than to quit drinking at that point.

Finally realizing that he had a problem, Emmerson became involved with Alcoholics Anonymous once again in 1995.

"On June 12, I was very dedicated to AA. On June 14, I was arrested for DWI," Emmerson said.

Because of two previous drinking arrests, Emmerson went before the grand jury and faced two to 10 years in prison.

Emmerson said he had a "spiritual awakening" over the possibility of a prison term.

"As a former police officer, I knew that prison was not a place I wanted to be," Emmerson said.

Emmerson felt lucky his prior arrest had been "taken care of" and they were not able to try him.

"I know that I have driven drunk well over 1,000 times. The scary thing is that I'm not the only one," he said.

Emmerson said the road to recovery has been long.

"I am an alcoholic and have not had a drink in 20 months," Emmerson said.

Not only is Emmerson a recovering alcoholic, but he also works at the East Texas Medical Center Behavioral Health Center and helps others

with the same problem. AA meetings are held regularly at the center.

"I am convinced I would be dead by now if it weren't for the support of AA," Emmerson said.



DRINKING FACTS

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Bureau says drunken driving arrests on decline

by Edward Walsh
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The number of people arrested for drunken driving has dropped sharply since the mid-1980's, the Justice Department said in a report released Sunday.

The report, compiled by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, compared arrests for driving while intoxicated from 1986 through 1997. The number of drivers increased by almost 15 percent during that time, but the number of DWI arrests declined by almost 18 percent, from 1.793 million in 1986 to 1.477 million in 1997.

As a result, the report said, the arrest rate for drunken driving declined by 28 percent, from 1,124 arrests per 100,000 drivers in 1986 to 809 per

steadily between 1990 and 1994, when the number totaled 1.384 million. Annual arrests have risen slightly each year since then.

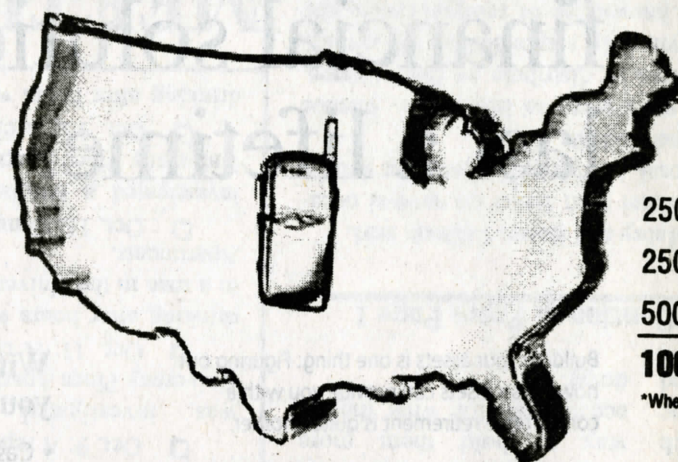
Although the number of arrests has declined, there are more people who are under correctional supervision because of drunken driving now, suggesting that law-enforcement authorities have toughened their treatment of offenders.

The report said 270,100 people were on probation or in jail or prison for drunken-driving offenses in 1986 and that number had climbed to 513,200 in 1997.

"There has been a crackdown throughout the country," Hamilton County Prosecutor Mike Allen said Sunday. "Nationwide, we're locking up more offenders." Most states - but not Ohio - have stiff-

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Beth Hogan is the Collection Development Librarian at the Robert R. Muntz Library. Look for more Library Links articles in upcoming Patriot issues.



Brown receives promotion

Veteran University police officer Allan Brown was promoted earlier this month from sergeant to lieutenant.

Brown had held the rank of sergeant for more than two years. His promotion took effect Oct. 1.

"I'm happy to have continuing opportunities to serve the faculty, staff, students and visitors of the University of Texas at Tyler," Brown said.

Lt. Robert Hudson's promotion to

police chief this summer created a vacancy for the lieutenant's post.

Brown said his new duties include increased exposure to the budgetary and financial sides of the University of Texas at Tyler, and more day-to-day contact with school administration.

Student places in debate

April Scalen, senior, placed fifth in the the individual event, persuasive speaking, at the Sam Speaks Forensics tournament Oct. 15.

STIPEND

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appropriate to recognize the fact that the president is expected to do a lot of work," he said.

All paychecks are issued at the end of each semester provided the officers and senators fulfill their duties, Lunsford said.

"They have to maintain office hours come to meetings, participate in a majority of the activities and have to be a member of at least one committee in the club," Michelle

LeDoux, president of SGA, said.

Each officer also has separate duties they have to fulfill to receive his stipend, she said. For instance the treasurer accounts for all of the money and office hours during the semester. If the requirements are met, the officers and senators receive their money at the end of each semester, Lunsford said. During the semester each individual keeps a weekly time sheet and it is then approved

by treasurer Lana Cain, Matthews said.

Lunsford said the time sheets are turned into the dean's office at the end of the semester for review and the paychecks are distributed to those who fulfilled their jobs.

"If they don't have their time sheets they don't get paid. They have to have documentation," Matthews said. "It's a way to hold them more accountable for what they're doing."

INPUT

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to President Rodney H. Mabry and Baker, LeDoux said.

Faculty members have met with Baker on several occasions to discuss the proposal, but Monday's meeting will be the first between Baker and students.

One hundred surveys were given to liberal arts, science and mathematics instructors to distribute to their classes. Fifty-nine students anonymously responded to the survey, which asked about their knowledge of reorganization, the effect they believe it will have on students and whether they agree with Baker that combining the colleges will strengthen them and preserve the core curriculum.

Of those surveyed, 68 percent disagree with Baker that combining the colleges will strengthen them.

"The science and mathematics college represents a specific component of the University, which should not be combined with another college," one of the surveyed students said.

One student who favored the proposal said, "I have visited/read about many colleges that had a College of Arts and Sciences. I believe it will make the art/science majors more well rounded."

"It doesn't seem to be a logical fit for arts and sciences, but I like the engineering/computer science union," another student said.

Eighty-six percent of those surveyed said they think reor-

NEWS BRIEFS

The tournament, held at Sam Houston State University lasted three days and the University of Texas at Tyler debate team competed with more than 20 Universities.

Lecture Series Begins

O.J. Simpson's former attorney, Alan Dershowitz, will speak Nov. 9.

He is the first of three speakers this year in the Distinguished Lecture Series.

In his presentation, he deconstructs the judicial system and shares his belief in its ability to fairly dispense justice.

Shout Out 2000

Republican and Democratic leaders debated politics and the upcoming election at Shout Out 2000, held Oct. 17 at the University Pines clubhouse.

The event was organized by Student Government Association president Michelle LeDoux and University Pines community assistant Mariann Dorn.

The event included speakers from both parties and free pizza and soft drinks were provided by the organizers.

Campus Police Report

by Luke Henderson
Crime Reporter

The following is an account of the University police reports from Oct. 9-Oct. 18.

Oct. 9: Police investigated a dead dog left on a doorstep in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 9: A reported theft was investigated in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 11: A citation for drinking after hours was issued to a man in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 11: Campus police investigated a burglary in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 13: A citation for drinking after hours was issued

in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 13: An unauthorized solicitor was reported in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 14: A campus police officer on foot patrol investigated an open window with its screen off, in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 14: A possible burglary was investigated in the University Pines Apartments.

Oct. 16: A fire alarm was investigated in the Administration Building.

Oct. 18: Police investigated some suspicious phone calls at the University Pines Apartments.

MEETING

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some of their office hours to work on this.

Senator Edgar Cardenas gave his opinion and explained the Faculty Senate meeting where Dr. W.A. Baker, vice president of academic affairs, presented a plan to merge the College of Liberal Arts with the College of Science and Mathematics.

"If they merge the two colleges that is over half of the student population and is a huge part of the school...student government will only get three representatives for that huge school and that's not good

pass a resolution that the student government does not support the merging of the schools," Cardenas said.

Members agreed they would like to have Baker or Mabry come speak to the SGA about the issue so they can better understand the merging and the reasoning behind it.

Although they say they do not know all of the facts, the SGA members agreed in discussion that they did not think the merging would be positive.

They said they have also heard negative responses from other stu-

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Core Factor prepares for one more show at Elmo's



— by Michael George

AT CENTER STAGE: From left to right: -Sean Langley, bass, Andrew Fisher, vocals, Kasey Keahey, drums and Marc Bedinghaus, guitar. Core Factor played their second to last performance at Elmo's last Saturday night.

by Michael George

Staff Writer

Core Factor's two-year legacy of music will be over soon with a final performance Oct. 31 at Elmo's.

Core Factor worked the crowd hard at Elmo's last Saturday night.

They played through their last set as people randomly stood in front of the small alcove harboring their equipment. After the last cover of a popular Limp Bizkit song, the barefoot, lead singer thanked the small group and wished them all a safe trip home. The band quickly made their way outside, huddling against a parked car.

Everyone looked tired but it was not hard to tell they love to play music. Separately, they are Andrew Fisher, lead vocals/keyboard, Marc Bedinghaus on guitar, Kasey Keahey behind the drums, and Shawn Langley plays bass. Together they are a modern rock band Tyler calls its own.

The band formed two years ago and began practicing to work out a sound and a style. Their line up has changed with the addition of Keahey on drums, but their sound is very mature. They play tight sets with little margin of error.

The guys lounged while recalling their past shows and the resurgence of music interest in Tyler since they formed. Core Factor was the first band to play at Elmo's new location, 1721 Roseland Ave., and successfully filled the club at several performances over the last two years even though they play a lot of cover songs.

"It is hard to fill three hours of original music," Langley said.

So the guys played for the crowd. But to Core Factor this is the most important part of playing music. The crowd must like what it hears. The same is true as far as their appearance.

Saturday night they all wore black nylon or leather pants and eye-catching shirts.

"Appearance is extremely important," Bedinghaus said, "its just like acting and getting into your character."

"People hear with their eyes," Langley added.

Fisher graduates from University of Texas at Tyler in either December or May and will attend the University of Maine to study English and theatre.

He will use the time remaining until graduation to prepare for the cross-coun-

try move, he said.

This may not be the end of Core Factor, though.

The guys haven't ruled out producing another album by correspondence but every one will go on to other projects.

"We are not naïve enough to think this will last forever. As musicians, we can all go on to other things," Langley said.

In retrospect, every one in the band is acting mature about Fisher's decision.

"If we could start over there are a lot of decisions we could have made that would have taken away some of the strain, Fisher said. "But we have done a good job of checking out egos and being professional."

"It has felt like family," Langley said.

Fisher plans to continue in music in some way. He said he does not care if he is leading a band or just working with one.

Langley is contemplating a solo album showcasing his guitar work and Bedinghaus is working with his bothers in a group called the Dope Brothers.

Core Factor's final performance will be Halloween night at Elmo's. More information is available at www.Corefactor.net.

Austin band entertains local crowd with a variety of laid-back music

by Michael George

Staff Writer

Philo played to a crowd of 12 to 15 people Saturday night at Elmo's Bar and Grill.

Hailing from Austin, this trio presented a laid-back art rock sound fueled with jazz-like drum rhythms and grooving bass lines.

Guitarist Billy Fadel, and bassist Mathew "Junior" Scott split vocal duties while Jason Boling kept the beat behind the drums.

Their music played out with ease, Fadel's guitar riffs went from

smooth to ecstatic while Scott laid out technical bass lines.

Philo's art rock sound could be best described as somewhere between mellow Dave Mathews and a beatnik sound.

Scott even shared a quick poetry session with members of the crowd.

Unfortunately those gathered were few and far between. Most of those attending left after opening band Seven Channels played. This didn't stop Philo from playing a good set of infectious tunes.

Fadel showed off some impres-

sive slide work and even showed his skills on the banjo.

This fits in with the Philo philosophy.

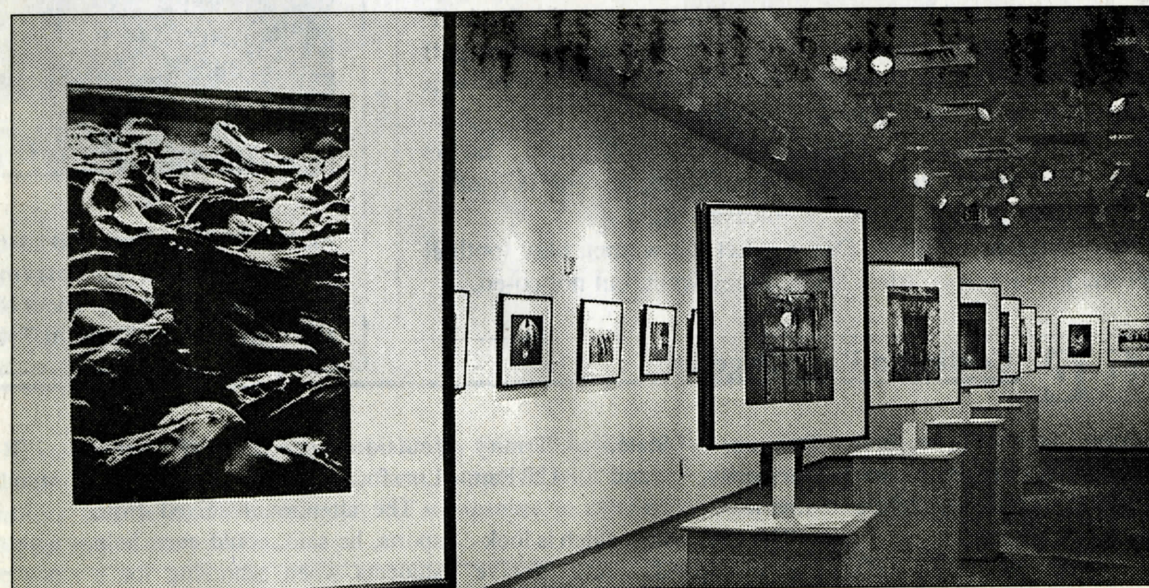
"We do a little bit of everything," Fadel said.

Their album is available through their website www.philo-music.com.

"We don't expect people to like every thing we do," Scott said, "but we want our album to have a feel of changing a radio dial."

Philo's next performance is Nov. 18 at Elmo's Bar and Grill.

Holocaust artifacts caught on camera



— by Joe McArthur

PIECES OF HISTORY: The Meadows Gallery houses photographs of Jeff Gusky M.D., a Dallas photographer. Gusky's photos portray ruins and relics from the Holocaust.



— Courtesy Photo

Jason Boling keeps the beat playing the drums.



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Matthew "Junior" Scott plays bass and shares in the vocals.



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Billy Fadel plays the guitar and takes up the other half of vocals.

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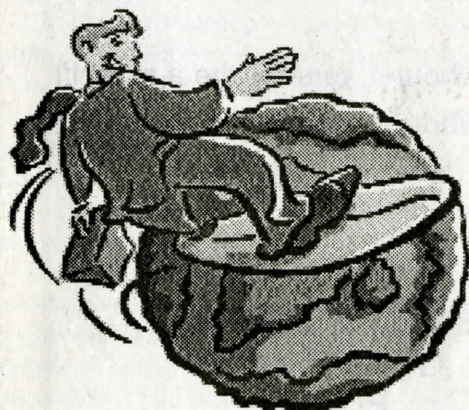
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Inside sports

by Harold Wilson
Patriot Writer

Women seek place on field

Our nation continues to see-saw on the issue of equality, struggling for balance and neutrality.

Although humans should be allowed equal opportunities, all don't possess equal abilities.

The role of women increased greatly over the last century. Women now vote, work outside the home, and compete in sports once played only by men.

Until recently, women avoided participating in football. Now we occasionally hear of females playing this sport.

This is one arena women shouldn't enter. Football is a physically demanding sport that thrives on contact and works every area of the body.

Women playing powder puff and flag football I can understand, but putting on pads and tackling with men I can't.

Instead of women competing with men, I suggest they compete among themselves.

Most men can't take the pounding of football. Women, along with their body limitations, are generally shorter, lighter, and weaker than their male counterparts.

Duke student Heather Sue Mercer, nevertheless, tried out

for her university as a kicker.

Despite demonstrating kicking ability, Mercer was released from the team. She sued Duke for sexual discrimination and was awarded \$2 million by the court in damages.

Many men fail to make football teams but don't receive compensation as a result.

Groups, like women, who experienced past discrimination, often receive extra advantages to assure equality.

Women can punt or kick, which would greatly reduce their risk of harm. There are still times, though, when kickers are forced into contact through bobbled snaps, blocked kicks, and long returns.

Women creating their own league could lead to better competition and fewer injuries.

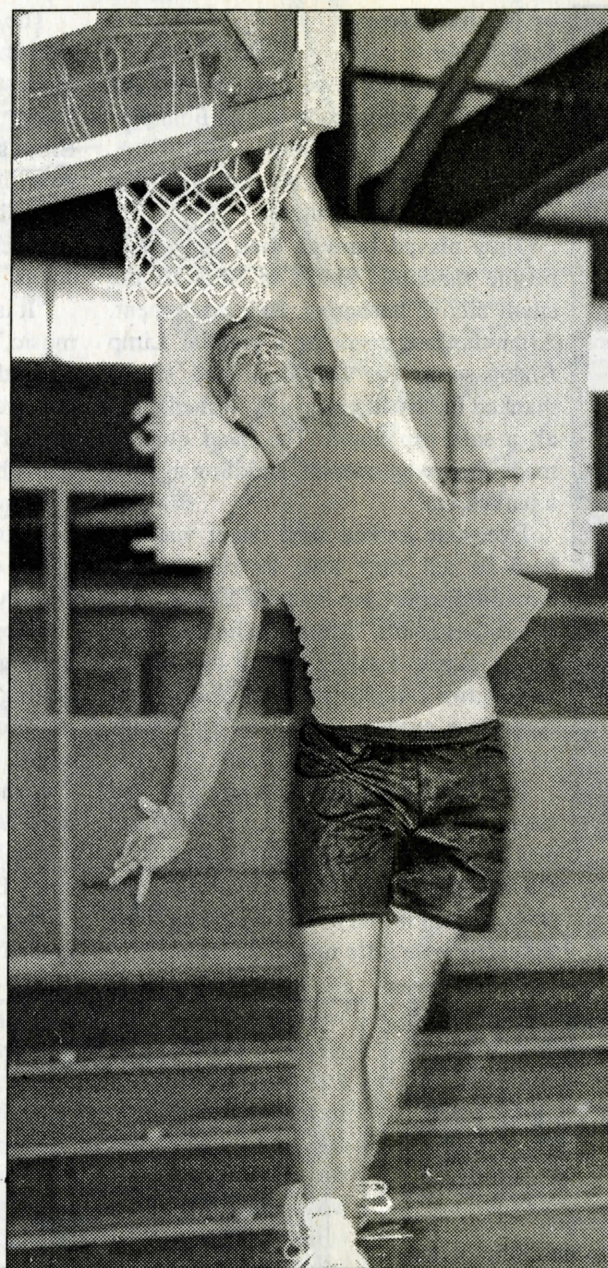
Women compete against each other in sports such as basketball, golf, track and field, and volleyball. I recommend they do the same with football.

Watching those powder puff contests in high school was exciting.

Looking at men tackle women, however, is not a pleasant sight.

Let the women play football if they want, but not co-ed.

Get in there



— by Joe McArthur

SLAM DUNK: University student Neil Crane crams the ball during an intramural basketball game. Basketball is only one sport offered for intramurals at the University or Texas at Tyler.

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Lunsford is one of several members on the University academic council studying future intercollegiate athletics.

He visited the UTA, UT-Dallas, and Texas A&M University at Commerce to look at their athletic programs. Other school officials have visited

Tarleton University, State, and Trinity American.

The University, which is looking to expand, could receive recognition through athletics, Lunsford said.

"If we start fielding and playing intercollegiate athletics,

[outside] people will see," Lunsford said.

The attention received from sports, he said, could even help students when searching for a job.

"Athletics are going to make your diploma more valuable," Lunsford said.

"It will make for a fun community."

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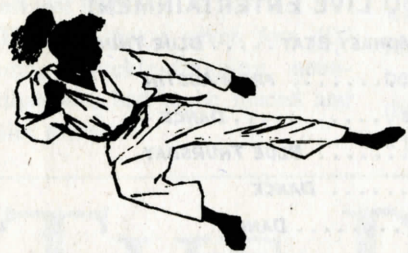
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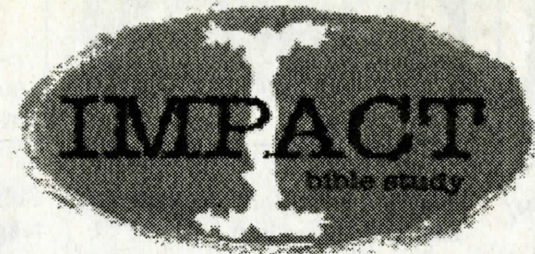
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